[President.]

followed. A day will be taken as from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M., of which the first hour is available for questions and another hour (1 to 2 P. M.) as lunch interval. The remaining four hours will be treated as a full day and two hours as half a day. If the time taken up for questions and answers is less than an hour, the remaining time will also be available to the House for the voting of demands. Such available time will not however go to increase the time allotted for any one demand but will only enable the House to discuss more demands.

Honourable members of the Council are of course aware that they should discuss each demand as a whole and vote upon it as a whole without moving for the reduction of any grant or of any item in a grant.

During the general discussion every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed not more than 15 minutes. During the second stage, *i. e.*, in the voting of demands for grants, the time limit for speeches for all members will be 10 minutes. As a matter of general convenience, it would be well if the honourable members will so adjust their participation in the debate as to afford sufficient time to the official members for elucidating essential points which might have arisen in the course of such discussion, failing which, I am afraid, the discussion will lack in completeness.

STATEMENT RE REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE ASSEMBLY IN THE BUDGET FOR 1111.

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The following cuts were made by the Sri Mulam Assembly in voting on the demands for grants.

I—Land Revenue Rs. 9,19,309	(*a*) Rs. 2,675 for Travelling allowance, under 1 A.—Land Revenue —Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner—Allowances. Amount deducted Re. 1.
	(*b*) Rs. 19,631—1A Land Revenue Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner Amount deducted Re. 1.
VII—Industries Rs. 2,45,263	Rs. 33,873 under 22A.—Industries—Direction. Amount deducted Re. 1.

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Government have accepted these cuts and the budget estimate placed before the Council may be treated as having been so amended. Sir, I beg permission to present the budget as amended.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, the general discussion of the budget .....

President: I should give him the permission he has asked for. I have not given him the permission as yet. You ask permission of the Chair to these demands being amended in the light of the deductions made by the other House. Permission is granted.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Sir,.....

President: You please wait until the Chair says what is next. Well, the general discussion on the budget will now begin. Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, the general discussion of the budget has become more or less an annual carnival where members who take part are allowed to travel from China to Peru and speak on all subjects under the face of the sun without the fear of being called to order by the Chair. As however this is the only occasion when we give expression to the aspirations of the people and offer some remarks on the general policy of Government, I take this opportuuity of offering a few remarks.

Sir, never before has in the history of the Travancore Legislature any Finance Secretary received so much praise both in the press and on the platform, as my friend Mr. Krishnasvamy Aiyar. I, therefore, offer my hearty congratulations for the success that has attended his maiden speech and wish him many more happy returns. (*Laughter*).

Sir, the real test of a budget does not lie in the fact that it is a surplus or a deficit one. A budget may be called satisfactory provided the proposals contained therein go to increase the contentment, happiness and prosperity of the people for whom it is intended. Viewing it in that light, I do not think even the most uncharitable critics of Government can call this budget an unsatisfactory one. That being so, I congratulate the Government for the budget they have now submitted to us for our scrutiny.

As a representative of a commerce and industry constituency, it is indeed gratifying to me to note that the present Government have, under your wise statesmanship, Sir, changed their mind with regard to the industrial uplift of the country, which alone, in the words of Dr. Kunjan Pillai, would enable the country to provide means of subsistence to the growing population.

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